

*Disafforestation and registry of lands on the sides of the
Neriamangalam-Pallivasal road.*

47. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the extent, in acres, of the land proposed to be disafforested and assigned by them from either side of the Neriamangalam-Pallivasal road; and

(b) whether they propose to assign those lands *en bloc* in the names of applicants or to auction them in small blocks?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) 3,000 acres approximately.

(b) The proposal is to divide the land into convenient blocks for registry of not more than 25 acres and not less than 5 acres each in extent.

DEMAND II—EDUCATION.

MR. E. G. MCALPINE (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have the honour to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 41,83 255 under Demand II—Education.

Motion 73.

The following motion was not moved:

MR. K. C. CHANDI:

To reduce the Allotment of Rs. 16,026 for Establishment by Rs. 26

Motion 74.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I beg to make the following motion:

To reduce the Allotment of Rs. 2,400 for travelling allowances by Rs. 800.

I make this motion for exactly the same reasons that I advanced yesterday in connection with a motion for making a similar reduction in the travelling allowance of the Chief Engineer.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Sir, I rise to support the motion brought forward by Mr. A. Thanu Pillai. Even as he does, I also support this motion for the same reasons I urged yesterday in connection with the proposed reduction of the travelling allowance of the Chief Engineer. I, for one, am not quite satisfied with the work of direction done by the present Director of Public Instruction. I have not much experience of brewing or distilling, but I know that bad wine makes good vinegar. The development of Mr. McAlpine from a Professor to the Director of Public Instruction in Travancore is on some such lines. He resides for a considerable part of the summer season at Devicolum where he is inaccessible to a very large number of people interested in education. The other day, in reply to a question put by the honourable member for Changanachery, the Chief Secretary to Government said that his exodus to that region although it involves some inconvenience to some persons is a matter of convenience to some others. I do